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## Manchester Civic Band plans Timbercrest and Peabody live performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

## Babe of Wabash County selling charity window candle lighting spots

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 1, Babe of Wabash County would like to remember or honor your loved ones by placing candles in their windows. The candles will light up the house throughout the Christmas season. The cost will be \$25 per candle. In

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# Local unemployment falls, but long-term concerns remain

Population loss, aging workforce continue to trouble employers

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Late last month, the local unemployment figures for October were released and there was both good news and more challenging news. On the positive side, in

the Fort Wayne metropolitan area and other northeast Indiana counties, including Wabash, more people were working in October.

The Fort Wayne metropolitan area, consisting of Allen, Wells and Whitley counties, gained more than 1,000 workers in comparing September and October – from 207,650 to 208,766. The area's unemployment rate dropped from 2.7 percent to 2.4 percent, said Purdue

University Fort Wayne community research institute director Rachel E. Blakeman on Nov. 22.

Blakeman said Economic Growth Region 3 – which includes Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties – gained almost 2,000 workers when comparing September and October – from 369,236 to 371,069. The region's unem-

ployment rate dropped from 2.5 percent to 2.2 percent. All but Grant (2.6 percent), Allen (2.5 percent), Noble (2.3 percent) and Wabash (2.2 percent), had unemployment rates lower than 2 percent. LaGrange County, at 1.5 percent, tied with Union County for the lowest unemployment rate in the state.

"Looking back a year and a half ago, we had eye-poppingly high unemployment rates, well above the double

digits. Fast forward to about a year and a half later and we have shockingly low unemployment rates," said Blakeman. "In other words, the labor shortage is real, at least in terms of the people not currently working but actively looking for paid employment. Nationally, we've seen accelerated retirements and there's no reason to believe that's not happening in

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# Operation Reach Out returns

For the second year, residents look to connect to those most isolated

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For the second year in a row, a local group is making it their mission to make the holidays a bit brighter for everyone in the community.

Last year, Jaime Kinsey, a local dental hygienist, said she saw a need in the community and decided to do something about it.

Kinsey said she had started "Operation Reach Out," a "care shower concept created to encourage residents in Wabash County nursing homes and rehab facilities."

Kinsey said she started a Facebook group for the project and several teachers had already reached out intending to have their students make cards for these residents who may be suffering from loneliness.

Kinsey said Operation Reach Out was formed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions and "seeing a need to reach out to our nursing home residents and let them know they are remembered."

"According to the nurses who handed out the cards last year, the response from the residents was amazing



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See REACH OUT, page A9 Last year, around 400 cards were created and delivered.

# Manchester adds nutrition sciences major in fall 2022

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University adds to its health science offerings with a nutrition sciences major beginning in the fall of 2022.

In the Manchester nutrition sciences major, students are prepared to develop lifelong personal health practices and advise others on what to eat as part of a healthy lifestyle. Food and nutrition are the foundations of preventative health and have the power to reduce the risk of most

chronic diseases.

Manchester nutrition majors develop a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between nutrition, food and lifestyle habits as they relate to human health and climate change. Students can major in nutrition sciences or pursue a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist concentration; a minor in nutrition sciences is also available and provides a strong complement to other health science

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# WACT honors the past, while looking to the future

Members awarded; Christmas Madrigal starts Friday; 'Dinnertainment' auditions scheduled

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Late last month, the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) took the time to honor members who had contributed to their organization, while looking to a busy future.



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Those awarded and given life memberships were, from left, Jane Willmert, Judy Ward, Dr. Orion Toepfer, Gary Dale, Josie Wade and Bob Wade.

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# Woman’s Clubhouse to host December luncheon

Wabash Musicale will present its annual program of music at the Woman’s Clubhouse for the Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 14, hosted by the Clubhouse Board, according to Ellen

Stouffer. “Come and celebrate the Christmas season with these wonderful, local performers,” said Stouffer. Make your reservations by Friday, Dec. 10 by calling

Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com).*

# ISP issues 40 traffic citations in pre-Thanksgiving patrol

They also made five criminal arrests and arrested one impaired driver

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, troopers working from the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post conducted a saturation patrol targeting aggressive and impaired drivers in Miami, Wabash, Cass, Fulton, Grant and

Howard counties, according to ISP Peru Post public information officer Sgt. Tony Slocum. During the patrol, officers concentrated their enforcement efforts on the heavily traveled roads of Interstate 69, Highway 31, Indiana 37 and Highway 24. During the patrol, troopers issued 40 traffic citations and 118 written warnings. Thirty-one of the citations were for speeding. They also made five criminal arrests and arrested one impaired driver.

Also, 14 motorists were assisted. “By conducting saturation patrols, ISP officers hope to deter motorists from driving aggressively or while impaired. Hopefully, this will make traveling on Indiana roadways safer,” said Slocum. “Citizens are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911. Give a location, vehicle description, and direction of travel. Do not follow an impaired or aggressive driver.”

# Hoosier Shakespeare Festival presents ‘A Christmas Carol’

Performances set from Thursday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 12

STAFF REPORT

Hoosier Shakespeare Festival presents “A Christmas Carol,” the classic story by Charles Dickens from Thursday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 12, in the Fellowship Hall in Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., according to executive director Greg Fiebig. ““A Christmas Carol,” adapted and directed by Hoosier Shakes’ Artistic Director Dennis Henry, tells the tale of the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, doomsayer of all things Christmas. Scrooge is visited in a dream featuring the ghost of his longtime

business partner Jacob Marley and the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future. The dream leads Scrooge to a whole new understanding of Christmas,” said Fiebig. “Hoosier Shakespeare Festival is a non-profit repertory theatre company that specializes in producing classic theatre with simple staging practices, live music, and, of course, great quality performances. We employ the Shakespearean practice of doubling – one actor plays many parts – in many of our shows and ‘A Christmas Carol’ is no different.” Thirty characters will be played by seven actors, including Hoosier Shakes’ alumni Chelsea Jackman and Kevin Whitmore from Anderson, Kristen Lintvedt from Indianapolis, and Gloria Billingsley from Marion. Hoosier Shakes

newcomers, Joe Pyke from Peru, Mickey Riddle, and David Kenworthy from Kokomo.” Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$18. Discounts are available for seniors, military and groups of 10 or more. Email [info@hoosiershakes.com](mailto:info@hoosiershakes.com) for a discount code. Tickets may be purchased by visiting <https://811-briarwood-ln.ticketleap.com> or at the door at 100 S. Washington St. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance. “A Christmas Carol” has a run time of 90 minutes including one 15-minute intermission. “A Christmas Carol” is underwritten in part by a GIG Fund from the National Endowment for the Arts and ArtsMidwest. For more information, visit [hoosiershakes.com](http://hoosiershakes.com).

# Indiana medical groups plead for more to get COVID-19 shots


By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s top medical groups pleaded Tuesday for more people to get COVID-19 vaccine shots as the state is in the midst of a new surge of infections and hospitalizations. Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb is set to renew the statewide public health emergency for another month as the current one expires Wednesday and legislative leaders have pushed back until January taking action on a contentious proposal that included steps toward ending that order. The medical organizations warned that the vast majority of current hospitalized COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated and that hospitals are stressed by caring for more critically ill patients who face longer stays. Indiana hospitals had 2,200 COVID-19 patients admitted as of Monday, an 82 percent increase in such hospitalizations over the past three weeks, according to tracking by the Indiana State Health Department. About one-quarter of those patients were being treated in intensive care units. The Indiana Hospital Association, Indiana State Medical Association and Indiana State Nurses Association said more vaccinations are needed to relieve pressure on the state’s health care system. “Should the current trends continue, everyone in need of health care could be im-


pacted,” the groups said in a statement. “We urge all Hoosiers who have not yet received a vaccine or who are eligible to get a booster to do so before winter arrives to ensure a hospital bed is available for all in need.” Indiana has the nation’s 11th lowest rate for fully vaccinated population at 50.6 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The state continues to average about 20 COVID-19 deaths a day, with the Indiana Health Department adding 119 recent deaths on Tuesday that increased Indiana’s pandemic toll to 17,557. Holcomb outlined administrative steps two weeks ago the Legislature could put into state law after which he would end the public health emergency that he first issued in March 2020. Republican legislative leaders, however, scuttled a planned fast-track approval of the measure following objections from medical and business groups over provisions forcing broad exemptions from workplace vaccination requirements. House Republicans took the unusual step on Monday of posting early the text of the proposed bill, giving it the House Bill 1001 designation that typically goes to the measure designated as a top priority for passage after the legislative session’s scheduled start on Jan. 4. It is already sponsored by 56 of the 71 Republicans in the 100-member House.

The bill posted online drops language specifying that medical exemptions from any employer’s COVID-19 vaccine requirements included “pregnancy or anticipated pregnancy.” Several doctors testified that that wrongly signaled that the vaccines aren’t safe for pregnant women. A spokeswoman for Republican House Speaker Todd Huston didn’t immediately respond to questions about how quickly the House would try to advance the proposal and why the pregnancy language was dropped. Huston said last week that lawmakers were “resolved to take quick action this session to help end the state of emergency.” Several Indiana hospital systems and some major employers, such as Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co., adopted vaccine requirements for their employees even before President Joe Biden announced plans for a federal mandate for large businesses. Indiana Democrats argue that Republicans were putting lives and the state’s economic recovery at risk by placating vaccine doubters. “They would rather put their extreme partisanship ahead of creating a better future for Hoosiers,” said Lauren Ganapini, the state Democratic Party’s executive director. “Science and medicine are equipped to fight the pandemic, and we ask all Hoosiers to do their patriotic and civic duty to help put this pandemic behind us by getting vaccinated.”


5-Day Weather Summary




Wednesday  
Scattered Rain  
51 / 43




Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
58 / 39



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
56 / 34




Saturday  
Partly Cloudy  
46 / 28




Sunday  
Mostly Cloudy  
45 / 29

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset ..... 5:19 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:45 a.m.




New  
12/4



First  
12/10



Full  
12/18



Last  
12/26

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 45% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 51°, humidity of 76%. South southeast wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 42°. South southwest wind 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 39°.

# Downtown Wabash concluding 2021 First Fridays with a winter wonderland, Cookie Walk

Small business shopping, holiday treats, decor and more to bring holiday cheer

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace will bring people to downtown Wabash for the final First Friday of 2021 from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis. Amid Thanksgiving, holiday shopping, Christmas

and the new year, December’s First Friday will bring more holiday cheer with small business shopping deals, holiday treats, hot cocoa, photo opportunities and more. This First Friday, the Cookie Walk will debut in downtown Wabash for a chance to win a holiday-themed gift basket, specially curated by Wabash Marketplace. Participants will venture downtown to sample nine “delicious holiday treats” from Modoc’s Market, Wabash County Muse-

um, Lighthouse Mission, Ohh My! Cakes, Wabash Marketplace, 4 Partners in Crime, Living Well Downtown, JoJo’s Olfactory and Kaleigh M Photography. The stamping map for the Cookie Walk can be found on the back of the First Friday flier. Sponsorship for 2021 First Friday events is provided by Crossroads Bank, Beacon Credit Union, 95.9 KISS FM, Wabash County Museum and Pettit Printing. For more information, visit [WabashMarketplace.org](http://WabashMarketplace.org).

# Alpha Zeta Chapter of DKG Society International holds November meeting


The next meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, Jan. 22

STAFF REPORT

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International met Saturday, Nov. 6 at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City, according to Nancy Kolb. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Ann Ambler with 20 members present. Ann welcomed Leslie Hamman who is Treasurer of the Indiana State Organization and State Liaison for Alpha Zeta Chapter. Delta Kappa Gamma is a women educators’ society. Members of the Alpha Zeta chapter work and live in Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley counties. After Ann Ambler offered prayer, members enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the hostess committee comprised of Linda Sutton, Kirsten Jines, Roxanne Thomas, Karen Swineheart and Barbara Overdeer. The Opening Thought was Psalm 100:4-5 read by Kirsten Jines. Professional artists Michael and Jennifer Lude, co-owners of Entwined Art and Innovation Services, presented the program on creativity. Lude stressed that all children have creativity, but it is lost over time. It can be relearned by being open to new ideas and by not worrying about failure. The members used

their creativity to make decorative pieces that could be hung or used as bookmarks. Ann Ambler conducted the business meeting in which the secretary’s and treasurer’s reports were accepted as printed. Members donated to the chapter project which is supporting chosen food pantries, and to the celebration and scholarship funds. Myra Schmidt, chairman of professional affairs handed out grant-in-aid applications for members to give to qualified students. They are to be returned in January. Karen Kinney, personal growth chairman, read to members a children’s book that has a lesson and is titled “I Really Like Slop” (an “Elephant and Piggy” book by Mo Willems). Ambler led us in singing two patriotic songs in honor of Veterans Day. Jadean Barnes, chairman of the cheer committee, passed around several cards to be signed for members who needed encouragement in times of illness and problems. A letter was read from a member who has moved into an assisted living facility. In new business, Jadean Barnes moved to amend the Chapter Scholarship Standing Rules to make them more user-friendly, Karen Bandlerier seconded and the motion passed. Ambler presented a rose, certificate, and a bag of candy to members who have reached a milestone in their length of member-

ship. Achieving five years were Myra Schmidt, and Jessica Vedder. Jennifer Harris has been a member for 15 years and Judy Jordan has reached 25 years. Those reaching 35 years were Karen Bandlerier, Karen Swineheart, Barba Eickhoff and Brenda Landis. Achieving 40 years were Donna Ott, Karen Miller, and Mary Pahmeier. Donna Myer reached 45 years. All others received a bag of candy and Ann ended with the reading of the poem, “I Hope You Live Louder,” Congratulations were given to Carol Herzog for being nominated for north-east regional director. Mary Catherine Palmer led a Ceremony of Remembrance for Judith Mugg who passed away. Memories were shared by others. The guest, Leslie Hamman, state liaison for Alpha Zeta, brought greetings. The hostess committee members were thanked for their wonderful meeting arrangements. The Closing Thought was given by Karen Swineheart sharing information about one of her favorite authors, Eric Carle and reading one of his books that fit with the program. The next meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at noon with the singing of “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.” Those members attending the meeting from Wabash County were Brenda Landis and Kolb.



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# Obituaries

## The miracle of fatherhood

Over the last few weeks, Pope Francis has been pointing to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as a role model. At a time when the United States has some 440,000 children

**Kathryn Lopez**



stuck in the foster care system, it's a good time to be talking about foster parents. And then there's the abortion debate, which mostly focuses on mothers. But what about the fathers of unborn children? What are their responsibilities? What should we expect of them? St. Joseph, who helps protect mother and child, can provide some answers to these questions. There's a rallying cry to men titled "Into the Breach" by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix. He explains it as "a clarion call and clear charge." He writes: "Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women

and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real." Our culture is bent on portraying the family unit as expendable, as a burden. Sex is disposable. Reproduction is to be avoided, by any means necessary. Is it any wonder that we're in the mess we're in? Olmsted says that the story of St. Joseph shows that fatherhood can change history. He quotes John Paul II about the essential nature of fatherhood: "In revealing and in reliving on Earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family: he will perform this task by exercising generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother, by a more solicitous commitment to education, a task he shares with his wife, by work which is never a cause of division in the family but promotes its unity and stability." It's safe to say that the young men I see outside abortion clinics do not subscribe to these ideals. But perhaps they might, if someone only showed

them the way! It's no secret that society is facing a plague of absent fathers. While studies have shown the connection between missing fathers and trouble in school and increased crime, the personal, emotional effects must be just as dire. As Olmsted writes: "The child is forced to ask the question: 'Where is my Daddy?' What then is the impact on a child's heart, on his or her understanding of the world, of love and of the Heavenly Father, when the answer to this question is 'He left us' ...?" Mary Eberstadt notes in "How the West Really Lost God" that the Christmas story of the Holy Family is foreign to so many today because having a father is foreign. Fatherlessness is not a mere plague to regret or bemoan. It is something we need to change. Eberstadt elsewhere worries that most – if not all! – the violence we see in society and the streets has to do with the lack of fathers. Fathers help ground families. As St. Francis said the day before Thanksgiving: "(T)he Gospel tells us the genealogy of Jesus, not only for a theological

reason, but also to remind each one of us that our lives are made up of bonds that precede and accompany us. The Son of God chose to come into the world by way of such bonds, the way of history: he did not come down into the world by magic, no. He took the historic route we all take." Those of us who pray may invoke St. Joseph's intercession. We must tell the stories of good men, so that others may be inspired. The Knights of Columbus have taken Olmsted's call with an "Into the Breach" video series ([www.kofc.org/intothebreach](http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach)), which provides a how-to that should be required viewing – especially for fathers and sons – today. We need mentors in our lives. We need fathers. Let us give thanks for the ones showing us the way. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at [klopez@nationalreview.com](mailto:klopez@nationalreview.com).

### Jack Lewis Lutz

May 7, 1924 – Nov. 25, 2021



Jack Lewis Lutz, 97, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 5:45 am, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021, at his daughter's home in Bunker Hill, Indiana. He was born on May 7, 1924, in Wabash, Indiana, to Arch and Nora (Schoeff) Lutz. Jack attended Wabash City Schools and enlisted in the US Army during WWII. He served in the 255th Field Artillery, Third Army under General Patton in Germany, France, and Luxemburg. He landed at Utah Beach, was in the Battle of the Bulge, and was in Europe two years. He recalled his 21st birthday was sitting on a hill in Germany watching the German prisoners being marched into camps and the residents returning to their homes. He married Mabel R. Clark at the First United Methodist Church in Wabash on May 12, 1951; she died Nov. 15, 2021. Jack worked at Diehl Machines and General Tire, both in Wabash, and retired from United Tech in Peru in 1991. He was a lifelong member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church, and a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15 more than 50 years. Jack was an avid fisherman and mushroom hunter, and loved Indiana University Basketball. He is survived by two daughters, Diana (Ed) Bar-

ber of Trafalgar, Indiana, and Marty (Ed) Holycross of Bunker Hill, daughter-in-law, Johnetta Wells-Lutz, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, son, Mark Lutz, four brothers, and three sisters. There will be a joint memorial service, for Jack and his wife Mabel, who he dearly loved, at 11:00 am, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash, with Pastor Nathan Whybrew officiating. Friends may call 9:30-11 am Wednesday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash First United Methodist Church Kitchen Fund. The memorial guest book for Jack may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Patricia Ann 'Pat' Kaufman

Sept. 29, 1938 – Nov. 28, 2021

Patricia Ann "Pat" Kaufman, 83, of Wabash, passed away at 1:20 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor – East in Wabash. She was born on Sept. 29, 1938, in Muncie, Indiana, to the late Lee and Mildred (Webb) Robinson. Per Pat's wishes, there will

be no public services and the immediate family will have private graveside services. McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, 46992, have been trusted with Pat Kaufman's final wishes. Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

### Janice Mohler

Oct. 2, 1940 – Nov. 27, 2021

Janice Mohler, 81, died Nov. 27, 2021. She was born in Wabash on Oct. 2, 1940. She is survived by her husband, Carl Mohler; sons, Larry (Heidi) Mohler, Brian (Charity) Mohler, and Neil (Esther) Mohler; twenty-nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews; one brother-in-law, Paul (Sherri) Mohler; one sister-

in-law, Karen Mohler. Visitation Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 2128 East 1200 South, Silver Lake. Funeral services Dec. 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

### Jacqueline Marie Wasson

Funeral services for Jacqueline Marie Wasson, are 10:30 am, Friday, at Zion Lutheran Church, Wabash. Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is 5-8pm Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service.

### Michael 'Mike' Lee Wilson

Michael "Mike" Lee Wilson, 69, of Wabash, passed away at 9:19 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at Church of Christ at Treaty, 6793 S. 50 E., Wabash, Indiana. Visitation for friends and family will be from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3,

2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana and one hour prior to the funeral service, at the church. McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash, have been trusted with Mike Wilson's final arrangements. Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

# Biden's big bet on family care risks payoff long after elections

By **MIKE DORNING** and **JARRELL DILLARD**  
Bloomberg News (TNS)

President Joe Biden promises cheaper and more accessible care for children, the elderly and disabled once his \$2 trillion social spending package passes Congress, yet it will take years to set up programs to help struggling families. To deliver on the heart of Biden's economic agenda, policy makers will have to address worker shortages worsened by the pandemic and scale up business sectors that already struggle with lengthy waiting lists. They also must galvanize state bureaucracies that face their own political and financial constraints. The risk of delay in delivering tangible results hangs over Biden and Senate Democrats, who return this week to continue deliberations on the tax-and-spending legislation with next year's mid-term congressional elections fast approaching. "What matters is what people see in their lives, not what politicians tell them," said Tom Davis, who headed House Republicans' campaign arm when he served in Congress. "It's your word versus mine in a campaign until the benefit actually comes in." Massive federal programs often take years to fully get off the ground. The health insurance exchanges at the core of President Barack



Chip Somodevilla / Getty Images / TNS

**U.S. President Joe Biden delivers remarks about his proposed "Build Back Better" social spending bill in the East Room of the White House on Oct. 28 in Washington, D.C.**

Obama's Affordable Care Act didn't open until three and a half years after the legislation became law and then it took several months to fix glitches that plagued online enrollment. But in the immediate aftermath, the law was unpopular and Democrats lost control of the House and saw their comfortable Senate majority whittled down. Biden's child care program is one of the most sweeping initiatives in the Build Back Better legislation, promising to provide high-quality care to most American families costing no more than 7 percent of their income and no more than 2 percent of income for families with earnings below their state's median. The average family currently spends 13 percent, according to the U.S. Treasury. But even some child care experts who support the

initiative doubt many more families will get subsidized care by next November's election, given the complexities of standing up a program administered by state governments. "If it happens in a handful of states, I think that's optimistic," said Linda K. Smith, who oversaw federal child care programs for five years as a senior U.S. Health and Human Services Department official in the Obama administration. Even if Democrats are able to pass the legislation by December, states still must submit plans for the new program before getting their funding and commit to meeting a 10 percent cost match beginning with the fourth year, Smith said. HHS isn't likely to provide interim guidance for those plans until at least March or April. Then states must go

through their own budgetary processes, which typically takes months, she said. States will also have to figure out within three years how to assure a "living wage" for child care workers, who currently are paid less on average than retail and warehouse workers. Some states will probably take two years just to submit those plans, said Smith, now director of the early childhood initiative at the Bipartisan Policy Center. And states can choose not to participate, an option a number of Republican-controlled states took to stay out of Obamacare's Medicaid expansions. Then there is the challenge of ramping up the child care sector, where providers often have long wait lists for openings. A Bipartisan Policy Center analysis of 35 states found spots at legally operating centers were 31 percent short of demand even before the pandemic, which has worsened the crunch. The fine print in the legislation makes concessions to those challenges. There's a three-year phase-in period, initially limiting eligibility to lower-income families and dividing funding between direct subsidies for day care slots and assistance to expand child care facilities and build up state administrative support. It won't be until October 2024, a month before the presidential election, that the program is supposed to open to all eligible families.

# U.S. tracking of virus variants has improved after slow start

By **CARLA K. JOHNSON**  
Associated Press

After a slow start, the United States has improved its surveillance system for tracking new coronavirus variants such as omicron, boosting its capacity by tens of thousands of samples per week since early this year. Viruses mutate constantly. To find and track new versions of the coronavirus, scientists analyze the genetic makeup of a portion of samples that test positive. They're looking at the chemical letters of the virus's genetic code to find new worrisome mutants, such as omicron, and to follow the spread of known variants, such as delta. It's a global effort, but until recently the U.S. was contributing very little. With

uncoordinated and scatter-shot testing, the U.S. was sequencing fewer than 1 percent of positive specimens earlier this year. Now, it is running those tests on 5 percent to 10 percent of samples. That's more in line with what other nations have sequenced and shared with global disease trackers over the course of the pandemic. "Genomic surveillance is strong," said Kelly Wroblewski, director of infectious diseases at the Association of Public Health Laboratories. Contributing to the effort are nearly 70 state and local public health labs, which are sequencing 15,000 to 20,000 specimens each week. Other labs, including those run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its contractors, bring the total to

40,000 to 80,000 weekly. Nine months ago, about 12,000 samples each week were being analyzed in this way. "We're in a much, much better place than a year ago or even six or nine months ago," said Kenny Beckman of the University of Minnesota, who credited federal dollars distributed to public and private labs. He directs the university's genomics laboratory, which now sequences about 1,000 samples a week from states including Minnesota, Arkansas and South Dakota. A year ago, the lab did no sequencing. Relying on \$1.7 billion in President Joe Biden's coronavirus relief bill, the U.S. has been setting up a national network to better track coronavirus mutations. Still, about two dozen coun-

tries are sequencing a larger proportion of positive samples than the U.S., said Dr. William Moss of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Omicron's emergence could "stimulate the United States to do this better." "I think we still have a long way to go," Moss said. Some states are sequencing only about 1 percent of samples while others are in the range of 20 percent, noted Dr. Phil Febbo, chief medical officer for Illumina, a San Diego-based company that develops genomic sequencing technologies. "We could be more systematic about it and more consistent so we ensure there are no genomic surveillance deserts where we could miss the emergence of a variant," Febbo said.

Aiding the surveillance effort, standard PCR tests that use nasal swabs sent to laboratories can detect a sign that someone probably has the omicron variant. If a PCR test is positive for only two of the three target genes – a so-called S-dropout test result – it's a marker for omicron even before the extra step of genetic sequencing to prove it. "It's fortuitous," said Trevor Bedford, a biologist and genetics expert at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. "If you need to do sequencing to identify the variant you're always going to be lagged a bit and it's going to be more expensive. If you just rely on this S-dropout as identification then it's easier." He said other variants also have sparked this quirk in PCR test results, but not the

delta variant. With delta so dominant in the U.S. right now, an S-dropout result will get noticed, Bedford said. (Bedford receives funding from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also supports The Associated Press Health and Science Department.) Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said it is "inevitable" that omicron will make its way into the United States. Many experts said it's probably already here and will be picked up by the surveillance system soon. But the question is, then what? University of Wisconsin AIDS researcher David O'Connor noted: "We don't have the sorts of interstate travel restrictions that would make it possible to contain the virus in any one place."



# Queen Elizabeth preaches spiritual basics to bishops

Close watchers of the British monarchy have recently become concerned about two words describing life in Windsor Castle – “new stage.”

First there was Queen Elizabeth II’s unexplained overnight hospital stay in October for “tests.” Then the 95-year-old monarch missed the recent National Day of Remembrance service for Britain’s war dead. She did, however, attend christening rites at All Saints Chapel for her two newest great-grandsons.

All of this represents a “new stage” in her very public life.

“She’s all right, thank you very much,” said Prince Charles, responding to a Sky News inquiry. “Once you get to 95, it’s not quite as easy as it used to be.”

The Queen has not, however, been silent. Her recent message to Church of England’s General Syn-

**Terry Mattingly**



Wessex, who rarely seeks the public spotlight.

“It is hard to believe that it is over 50 years since Prince Philip and I attended the very first meeting of the General Synod,” said the prince, reading the Queen’s words. “None of us can slow the passage of time; and while we often focus on all that has changed in the intervening years, much remains unchanged, including the Gospel of Christ and his teachings.”

“The list of tasks facing that first General Synod may sound familiar to many of you – Christian

od – her first absence from this gathering – was strong and personal. It was read by her youngest son, Prince Edward, the Earl of

education, Christian unity, the better distribution of the ordained ministry. ... But one stands out supreme: ‘To bring the people of this country to the knowledge and the love of God.’”

It’s significant that Queen Elizabeth was most concerned with matters of doctrine and spiritual life – not the church’s role in politics and various cultural disputes, noted theologian Adrian Hilton, a former adviser to the secretary of state for education.

“Note the supremest task,” he added, writing at the Archbishop Cranmer blog. The titular leader of the Church of England urged the bishops to focus on spiritual and doctrinal basics, as in “the knowledge and the love of God.”

That “supremest task,” noted Hilton, “isn’t to wrangle interminably over divisive doctrines

or contentious teachings, but to sustain the visible historical continuity with the Church of the Apostles, the Fathers, the martyrs and the bishops in their historic sees in order to preach the gospel of Christ and to make him known.

... The Supreme Governor reminded (the) Synod of the unchanged centrality of Scripture, and that nothing needs to be added to the explicit teachings of Christ in order to show the way of salvation.”

Truth be told, the Queen was assigning Anglican shepherds a task that may be more difficult than handling public unrest in the age of COVID-19.

After all, statistics describing church life in the United Kingdom have, in recent decades, gone from bad to worse. Many would say the Church of England is imploding. In 2018, only 12 percent of the population claimed membership

in the United Kingdom’s branches of Anglicanism. Sunday attendance in the typical parish fell to 57.

Trends are even more frightening among the young.

A report presented to a pre-pandemic General Synod noted that, in 2018, national church attendance by children – newborns to age 16 – dropped below 100,000. Single-parish reports found that 38 percent of parishes had no children in that age group attending worship, and 68 percent of them had five or fewer. The average number of under-16s declined 20 percent in five years.

That was, of course, before the COVID-19 crisis. Queen Elizabeth noted that, even for “people of faith,” the “last few years have been particularly hard, with unprecedented restrictions in accessing the comfort and reassur-

ance of public worship. For many, it has been a time of anxiety, of grief, and of weariness.”

For church leaders, this means that the “next five years will not always be straightforward. Like every new Synod, you have inherited weighty responsibilities with many issues to address, reports to debate and difficult decisions to make. You may have to consider proposals on governance, on conduct, on the use of resources and on other issues, and on a vision for the future of the Church.”

The Queen closed with these poetic words from a medieval hymn: “O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.”

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addition to placing a candle in their window, they will also honor your loved one on our Facebook page and in their newsletter. The proceeds for the fundraiser will go towards their coupon program and boutique needs. For more information, call 260-274-0158, email babeofwabashinc@gmail.com or visit www.babeofwabashcounty.org.

### MU Music Department offers Lessons and Carols worship service

The Lessons and Carols worship service will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St. It features residents and MU’s A Cappella Choir, Chamber Singers and handbell choir. Lessons and Carols is an Advent service with lessons and readings depicting scenes from the Christian tradition of Christ’s birth with musical pieces in between. Standard Christmas choral repertoire will be performed. Admission is free, but freewill donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of the A Cappella Choir tour to New York’s Carnegie Hall in May 2022. A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers are under the direction of Debra Lynn, MU director of choral organizations and vocal studies. Mason Kniola, a junior vocal performance major, will conduct one piece for the A Cappella Choir. There is no cost for admission. The concert will also be live-streamed on Manchester University’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Masks are required indoors.

### Somerset Lions Club plans ‘Breakfast with Santa’

The Somerset Lions Club has planned a “Breakfast with Santa” from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Somerset Community Building, 21 W. Old Slocum Trail, Somerset. There will be a “goodie bag” for all children in attendance. Decorate your cookie. Please wear masks to protect the children. Santa will arrive at 8:30 a.m. Musical entertainment will be provided. The menu will include pancakes, biscuits, gravy and a drink for a free-will donation.

### Values, Ideas and the Arts series concludes Dec. 6 at Manchester

Manchester University’s Values, Ideas and the Arts series presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. They are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Some will be

live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for viewing updates. The series wraps up for the semester on Dec. 6 with a presentation by Manchester University archivist Jeanine Wine.

### Wabash County YMCA to hold third annual Holiday Benefit Silent Auction

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the third annual Holiday Benefit Silent Auction benefiting the YMCA financial assistance program. The entire auction will be held online through 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Registration may take place any time during the event and may be found by visiting www.bit.ly/WCYHBSA21. For more information, visit wabashcountyyymca.org or call 260-563-9622. To donate, visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountyyymca.org.

### Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

### Salamonie ‘Twins Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at

3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

### MU Music Department offers holiday concert

A holiday concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 in Cordier Auditorium on MU’s North Manchester campus. The concert will feature the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo and Chamber Singers. The jazz groups are under the direction of Scott Humphries, director of bands and music education. The groups will perform standard jazz repertoire, holiday songs and traditional carols. There is no cost for admission. The concert will also be live-streamed on Manchester University’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Masks are required indoors.

### Red Cross schedules local blood donation opportunity

The American Red Cross scheduled a special blood drive in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, a North Manchester boy who has been fighting cancer. This dedicated blood drive will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

### Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater’s Waltz by Émile Waldeufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season,

showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

### Retirement open house for MSD bus driver Judy Decker has been planned

In celebration of retiring MSD bus driver Judy Decker’s 47 years of service, a retirement open house will be held for her from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 in the Southwood Jr/Sr High School cafeteria, 564 Indiana 124. The public is invited to attend especially those who had Judy as a driver during their school years.

### WCPL’s Holiday Open House returns Dec. 15

This year’s WCPL Holiday Open house will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. The library will offer holiday treats, games, prizes, crafts, activities and more. At 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., there will be special storytimes, featuring a puppet play, stories, songs and rhymes based on Jan Brett’s “The Mitten.” The theme for this year’s event will be “Comfort & Joy.” There will also be a collection box for scarves, hats and gloves to donate to those in need of warmth this season. Warm winter wear will be donated to the Helping Hands Mission Store. Attendees do not need a library card to attend the Holiday Open House. The event is free, though donations of new or gently used hats, scarves and gloves are encouraged. For more information, call 260-563-2972 or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us.

### Grow Wabash County gift checks spark shopping local

Grow Wabash County gift checks (formerly known as Chamber Gift Checks before 2017) are gift certificates that can be redeemed at any business or organization that is a current Grow Wabash County investor. Since gift checks can only be spent at Grow Wabash County investors, businesses that are not currently members that would like to participate in this year’s program may call 260-563-5258 or visit www.growwabashcounty.com/invest. For a full list of Grow Wabash County investors, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/investors. Grow Wabash County also offers a list of retail stores, restaurants and other GWC investors where gift checks are most commonly used. That list can be found at www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecklist. Businesses that are not current-

ly Grow Wabash County investors should not be accepting gift checks from customers. Gift checks may be purchased by emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258. Gift checks must be paid upfront with cash or check, credit or debit card payments are not accepted for gift check orders. The last day to order gift checks will be Monday, Dec. 20 and gift check orders may be picked up no later than Wednesday, Dec. 22. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecks.

### Living Gift Market fundraiser for Heifer International continues through Dec. 31

The 34th Living Gift Market for Heifer International was held Saturday, Nov. 13 in North Manchester, but donations will be accepted until Dec. 31. For more information, call 260-982-6343.

### Waypoint seeking donations for renovations

A new transitional home is planned to open in early 2022. Waypoint is a transitional living environment dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle for women living in sobriety. Led by a local volunteer board of directors, the organization is seeking funding for the renovation phase of the new facility located at 189 N. Wabash St. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com or call 260-563-7171.

### ‘Bite in the 85’ dining program to launch

Visit Wabash County has announced the launch of a new program coming to Wabash County called “Bite in the 85,” which will take place from Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, through Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. For three weeks, the participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public. The eight restaurants that chose to participate in the program are 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia’s Restaurant, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc’s Market, Piza King and Twenty When dining at any of these eight restaurants during this time, you’ll be given a “Bite in the 85” menu in addition to the restaurant’s standard menu. The “Bite in the 85” menu will feature specials and deals available just for these three weeks. As an extra incentive to dine, the public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the par-

ticipating restaurants. You will be able to enter the gift card giveaway every time you dine at one of the eight restaurants during the three weeks of “Bite in the 85.” The special “Bite in the 85” menus for each participating restaurant will be available online in December. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85.

### Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4, 2022. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings. The art show features colorful skirts, detailed drawings and vibrant paintings. Growing up in North Manchester, Floor also spent time in the hills with her Native relatives in Appalachia. She is a poet and has spent many years working as a healer in both Native and Eastern traditions.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



## Southwood blitzed on the road at Lewis Cass

The Knights' next home game is slated for Saturday, Dec. 11 against Eastern

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Southwood's varsity boys basketball team traveled to Lewis Cass for their first road contest of the season in a game that ended in the Knights on the receiving end of a 70-29 blowout at the hands of the Kings.

The Knights mustered just 10 points in the second half as Cass put up a 48 point first half and buried Southwood before the beginning of the third.

After a 76-48 loss to Wapahani to begin their season, Southwood head coach John Burrus views their start of the season foes as beneficial to the growth in a year that will provide them with a multitude of stages to improve.

"We're going to be kind of a team that can play at that kind of level in stages," Burrus said. "We're not going to be able to put together four-quarter yet. ... As the season goes, we'll get more and more stretches like that and I think our defense will get better."

"Just overall their physicality, they make it really difficult for you to score. Playing Wapahani and playing Cass to start the season has really prepared us for a lot of different teams. Hopefully, we can use it to start playing better."

Cass came out of the gates with force on offense, rattling off eight and six-point runs to begin and



Nathan Lehner goes for the shot.

end the first quarter despite Nathan Lehner and Cole Winer compiling a five-point run midway through to hold the Kings at bay momentarily.

Winer led the Knights with 14 points as Southwood finished the game shooting 21 percent from the field and allotting 17 turnovers in the rout.

On the opposing bench, Cass shot 57 percent from the field which stood as an accumulation of talent and experience playing together for the past couple of seasons while Burrus reflected on his Knights' team playing with a whole new roster.

"They're kids that you can tell have played a lot of basketball together. They have most of their players back from their team last year and we only had five guys available that were varsity guys so we couldn't go deep into our bench. ... I think going forward, we gotta do a better job of containing the basketball and

getting back and getting set up"

Trips to the free-throw line by Winer and Jason Oprisek started the Knights out aggressively on offense to begin the second quarter but 21 points in the period put Southwood away early as they trailed 49-19 going into the half.

With the Knights' next game slated for Saturday, Dec. 11 against Eastern at home, Burrus's 23 years of coaching has assured him that seasons are long and improvements will come incrementally.

"I've been coaching long enough to know that it's a long season," Burrus said. "These guys are gonna keep working and I think that's the biggest thing is these guys are going to a good attitude. ... We know now what we need to do. We just need to improve on both ends of the floor and practice time will help that."

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Jason Oprisek started the Knights out aggressively on offense to begin the second quarter.



Cole Winer led the Knights with 14 points.

## OAK HILL GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATS MANCHESTER 53-43



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer  
Lady Squire Gracie Lauer battles with Oak Hill's Taylor Holloway for a rebound during first half action Saturday at Manchester.

## OAK HILL BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS MANCHESTER 48-38

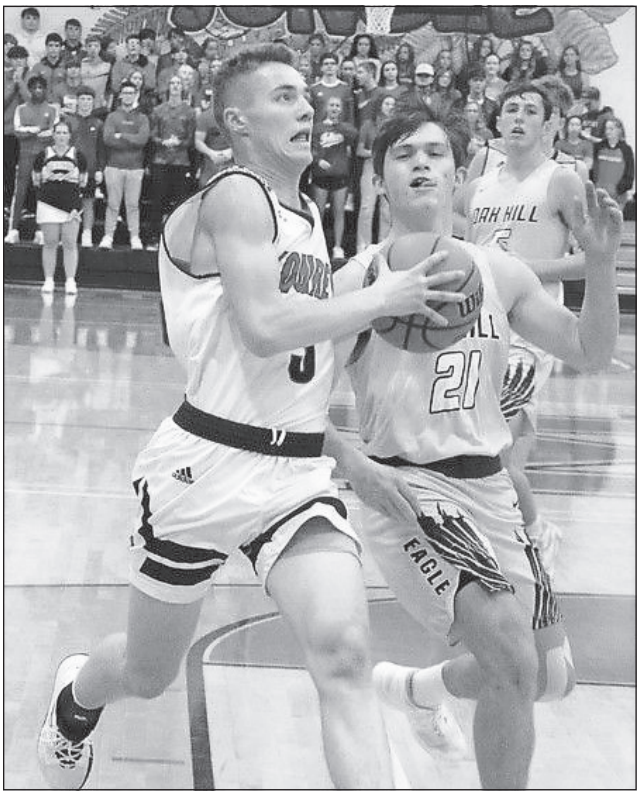


Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer  
Senior Squire Cade Jones (5) races towards a first half layup against the Golden Eagles of Oak Hill on Saturday at MHS.

## Late surge sends Spartans over Bucs 75-69 in women's basketball

Manchester outscored Beloit 24-15 in the game's final period

By **DILLON BENDER**

A big fourth quarter by Manchester University helped propel the Spartans past the Beloit College Buccaneers 75-69 on Saturday afternoon.

The Spartans outscored the Bucs 24-15 in the game's final period.

After building an early 21-16 lead the Buccaneers would take hold of the lead and led throughout much of the second and third quarters.

The Spartans were able to fight back and regained the lead for good midway through the fourth quarter. A layup by Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, gave the Spartans a 59-58 lead at the 4:35 mark of the final period. The layup ignited an 18-11 run over the remainder of Saturday's contest.



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Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, added 17 points and three rebounds.

Saturday's decisive run was highlighted by a pair of baskets by Miller, an old-fashioned three-point play by Bailey Keim, from Denver and North Miami High School, and clutch free-throw shooting from the entire line-

up. Manchester finished 22-26 from the free-throw line in Saturday's win — good enough for an 84.6 percent clip.

Macy Miller led Manchester with 19 points. Miller finished 9-13 from the field

and added six rebounds. Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, added 17 points and three rebounds. Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, lined the stat sheet with 12 points, seven boards, four steals and three assists. Eva Bazzoni, from Wabash and Manchester High School, also scored in double figures, finishing with 10 points in the winning effort. Bailey Keim added 5 assists off the bench.

Beloit was led Elizabeth Kalk's 22 points.

Manchester (3-1) has won three consecutive games. The Black and Gold will open Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play on Wednesday, Dec. 1 against the Defiance College Yellow Jackets. Wednesday's contest will be a White Out inside Stauffer-Wolfe Arena, with tip-off coming at 7:30 p.m.

Beloit (3-4) will travel to Lawrence University on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Capital uses fast start to blow past Spartans in men's basketball action

Manchester will begin HCAC play on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Defiance College

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester University men's basketball team suffered a 95-59 setback in non-conference play against the Capital University Comets on Sunday, Nov. 28.

Capital began the game with an 18-0 run and never trailed in Sunday's game. The Comets built as large as a 44-point lead.

Capital shot 53.5 percent (38-71) from the field and 52 percent (13-25) from three-point territory. Manchester was held to 33 percent (18-54) from the field and 28.6 percent (6-21) from three-



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Mitch Mendenhall, from New Haven, and Woodlan High School, added 10 points.

point territory.

Ian Snelling, from Erlanger, Kentucky, and Dixie Heights High School, led Manchester with 11 points. Mitch Mendenhall, from New Haven, and Woodlan High School, added 10 points.

Manchester (1-5) will begin Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Defiance College. Game time against the Yellow Jackets from Ohio is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Capital (4-2) will open Ohio Athletic Conference play next Saturday against the Cardinals of Otterbein University.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



# Husband wants wife's history to repeat itself

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 44-year-old woman who has been married for three years. We all have a past. Unfortunately, I made mistakes in mine that I foolishly mentioned to my husband when he asked. He is someone who doesn't let go of things easily.

I had a threesome in my early 20s, which I didn't think was a big deal because I was young and experimenting with my sexuality. He's now insisting on my having one with him. He thinks I cheated on him because when we met nine years ago, I was still friends with the people involved. I love him, but I feel like he wants to have his cake and eat it too. What should I do? — Cornered In Louisiana

**DEAR CORNERED:** If you're against the idea, you should refuse. And if he persists with his wacky idea, the only "threesome" you should agree to would involve the two of you and a licensed marriage and family therapist.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm an inmate at the women's prison. My fiancé and I have been together for four years and have four little ones under the age of 4. They are with him.

I am getting mad at him for not writing often or sending photos. I realize he's busy taking care of the babies, but am I being selfish to think he should make time for me? — Inmate Mom In Nevada

**DEAR MOM:** I am glad you asked. I am also glad you recognize the fact that your fiancé has his hands full, working to support his family while taking care of the little ones. Because you have more time on your hands than he does, spend some of it writing to HIM and the CHILDREN. Tell them how much you love and miss them. Describe your daily activities and your hopes for them. If you do, it may make your bond with them stronger and bring them closer to you until you are released.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I were married 10 years and in our 40s when he passed away three years ago. His wishes were that his ashes be split — half to me, and half to be buried with his mom in another state. I want to go there by myself and take care of it without notifying his family, so I won't have to go through another "funeral."

I haven't spoken to his family members in that state since the funeral. I did speak with his sister — once — during the past year (we live in the same city), when I dropped off some of her family's things that my husband had. Can I just go and take care of it? Must I inform the family? I would much prefer just going to the cemetery and then coming right back home. — Young Widow In New York

**DEAR YOUNG WIDOW:** Contact the owners of the cemetery and ask this question. If your husband's family owns the plot in which their mother is buried, you may need their permission to open her grave and add your husband's ashes. If you do not wish to have "another funeral," it is, of course, your prerogative, but I doubt you can slip this past them.

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## Dear Abby



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14 Toy building block

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17 Persia, today

18 Dirge

20 Footman's attire

22 Authorizes

23 Spleen

24 Lairds' households

27 Goofball

30 Cribbage counters

31 Make a C

32 Filch

34 Numero —

35 Super-man's alias

36 Level

37 Came to terms

**DOWN**

1 Rain icy pellets

2 USC rival

3 Swarm

4 Shenanigans

5 Defeats

6 Guess, briefly

7 Splinter

**39 Focused**

**40 Poet's contraction**

**41 Mischievous child**

**42 Caustic solution**

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**53 Lotion ingredient**

**54 Paste**

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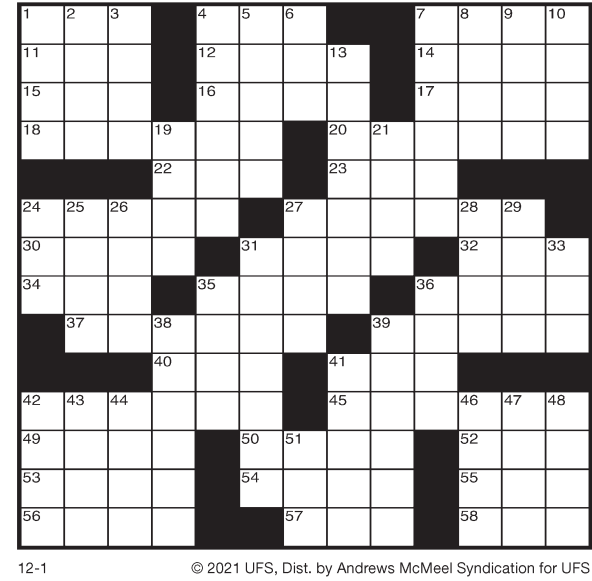
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Saturday's Jumbles: FAVOR CREST DOMINO REDUCE

Answer: The clockmaker's apprentice would learn to build quality clocks over the — COURSE OF TIME

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

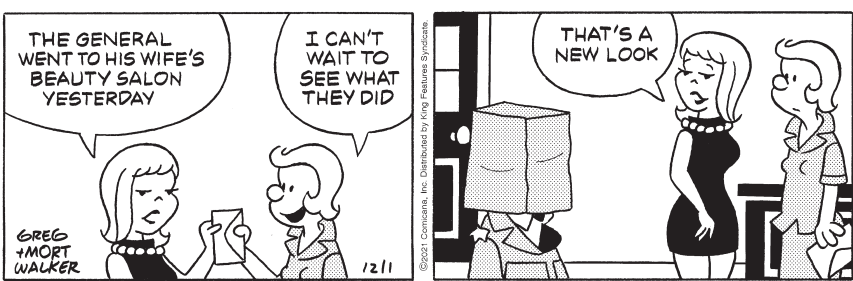


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"They shouldn't have been dropping that bread. That's littering!"

## BEETLE BAILEY



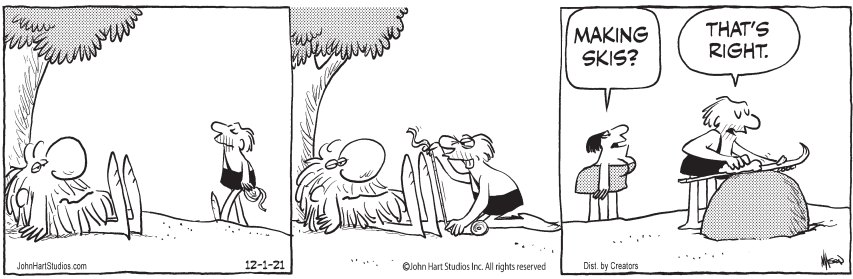
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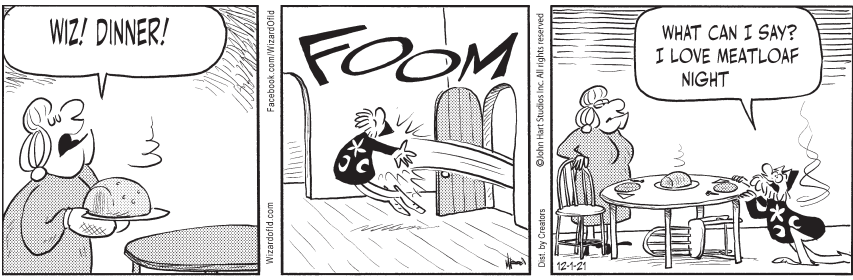
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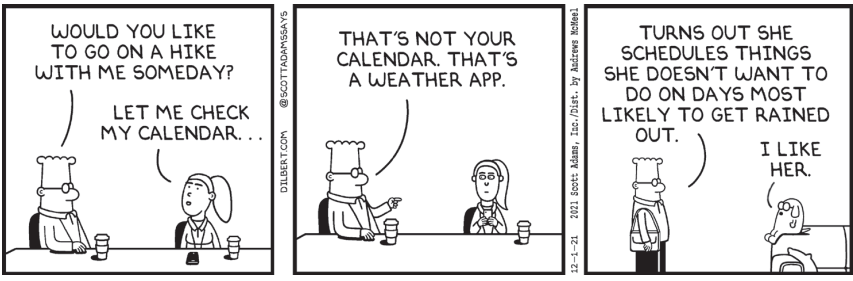
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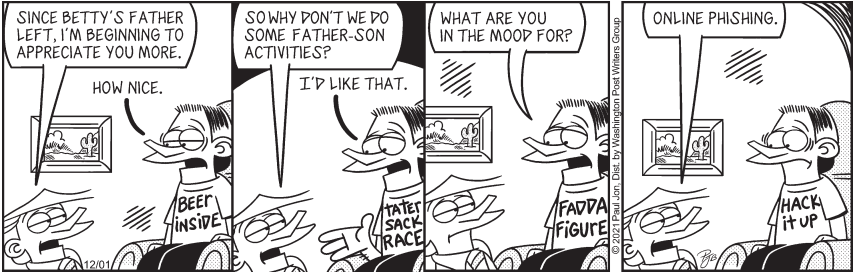
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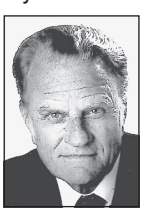


# Bible teaches that the soul must feed on the things of God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? — H.T.

## Billy Graham My Answer



**A:** Hunger, in the physical sense, is a sign of life. Dead men need no food; they crave no water. Humans must have nourishment or they'll starve. The Bible teaches that the soul must feed on the things of God otherwise one's heart can become hardened. This is what happened to Pharaoh long ago. He refused to listen to God's Word; he was hard-hearted; stubborn. Starving the soul is one of the most dangerous processes that can take place in a person's life. It is possible through sin to harden our hearts against God so

long that we lose all desire for God. The Bible says that God's Spirit "shall not strive with man forever" (Genesis 6:3).

Scripture speaks about hardening the heart: "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed" (Acts 28:27). When people continually reject Christ as Savior, God says that He gives "them over to their own stubborn heart, to walk in their own

counsels" (Psalm 81:12).

Hungering and thirsting for God and His righteousness makes the soul receptive to the voice and message of Christ. Those who have no cravings for God, no longings for Christ, and no thirst for the things of the Spirit are not only dead in trespasses and sin, but also insensitive to the Spirit's promptings. They are like the dead and are in danger of remaining in a state of spiritual stupor that will lead eventually to eternal death.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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WGS SUSTF YJ XLSVWUSZZ."  
— BVUSNNS TYUVS

Previous Solution: "Perhaps the only thing in my favor is that I'm tenacious. I don't take 'no' very well." — Director Kathryn Bigelow

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# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
**Matthew 5:8**

# Global methane pledge offers reason for cautious optimism

More than 100 countries have signed a first-of-its-kind pledge to cut emissions of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, by 30 percent between now and 2030. The signatories represent 70 percent of the global economy, including six of the world's top 10 methane polluters. In all the back and forth over the Glasgow climate talks, the importance of this breakthrough is easy to overlook.

Methane has been called climate's "low-hanging invisible fruit." A byproduct of fossil fuel, landfills, and agriculture, it's a "super pollutant" that can trap heat in the atmosphere 80 times more effectively than carbon dioxide. Because it's so powerful, a tiny amount in the atmosphere can have huge effects on the climate. The good news is that methane only lasts in the atmosphere for about 12 years – unlike carbon dioxide, which lasts for centuries. That means cutting methane emissions will pay off very quickly, both for the planet and for human health. What's more, up to half of human-generated methane emissions can be cut at low or even negative cost using existing technology.

A fast, easy, cheap win for the climate? It sounds too good to be true. And there's reason to be cautious. For one thing, several notorious methane polluters – including Turkmenistan and Russia – still haven't signed the pledge. And the commitment, like the Paris Agreement, is voluntary and lacks enforcement mechanisms. Its success will depend on countries holding themselves (and each other) accountable. The world doesn't have an impeccable track record on that point.

The U.S., which helped write the pledge, is showing what can be done. The Biden administration, trying to regain the mantle of climate leadership, has been moving aggressively to curb methane emissions. It recently released a suite of tougher oil, gas and pipeline regulations that would prevent tens of million tons from being released, at minimal

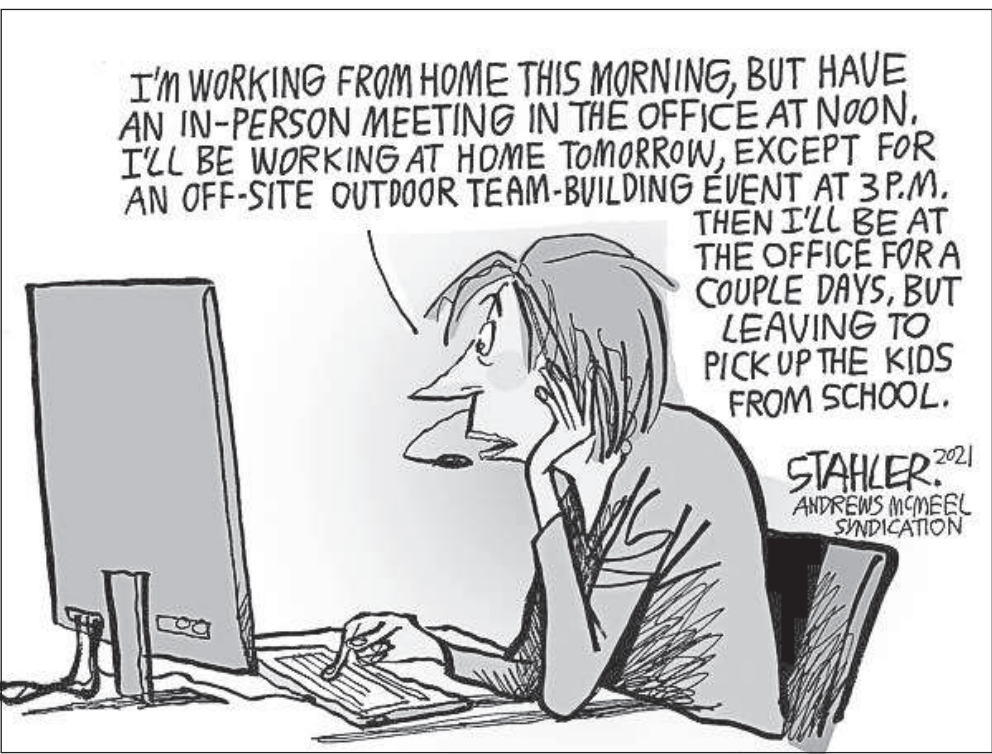
cost to producers. The new rules will face legal challenges from industry and oil- and gas-producing states, but if they prevail, the EPA predicts they'll cut methane emissions from the energy sector by 75 percent.

The administration is also moving forward on programs to curb emissions from landfills and farms, and to support R&D for methane-monitoring technologies, building on work pioneered by nongovernmental initiatives such as CarbonMapper and PermianMAP (both of which are supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies). Meanwhile, the bipartisan infrastructure bill recently signed into law includes billions of dollars to plug methane leaks from abandoned oil and gas wells and to clean up coal mines – another source of the climate-cooking gas. Together, these changes will put a big dent in the country's methane emissions, and the world's.

Still, a smart plan that would require polluters to pay for their methane emissions – and offer oil and gas companies help in cleaning up their act – has been held up in Congress, along with other sensible environmental provisions of Biden's "Build Back Better" plan. And environmentalists are rightly disappointed that Biden's current proposals won't stop fossil-fuel firms from routinely "flaring" methane, as some states already do. Elsewhere, too, the messiness of democratic politics and entrenched economic interests can prevent countries from taking simple, affordable steps to cut their emissions.

Despite these challenges, the fact remains that slashing methane emissions is a fast, powerful, cost-effective way to reduce global warming, and new technologies have made ambitious cuts more realistic than ever. The United Nations notes that human-generated emissions could be cut by 45 percent by 2040 using current technology. The Global Methane Pledge is most welcome – but it's feasible, and eminently desirable, to go further.

*This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.*



## ‘Leftover’ memories are precious

I'm sitting here still eating turkey three days after Thanksgiving and thinking: Leftovers are food nostalgia.

By enjoying the dishes again, we can trigger memories of the holiday just experienced, savoring the good moments and ignoring the bad. We can focus on recalling the easy companionship of friends and family without reliving the anxiety of complicated preparations, the worry over who might be tardy or absent, the horror of being lectured about politics by people we see only once a year.

As I'm eating, I'm scrolling through "True Fort Wayne Indiana History," a public group on Facebook I can actually enjoy without suffering through bumper-sticker lectures on politics from people I would probably cross the street to avoid.

The nearly 10,000 members of the group post reminiscences of a time and place that still exist only within our collective consciousness.

And it occurs to me, as I sample the photos from a long-ago city, that nostalgia comprises the leftovers of the heart. It allows us to live in the glow of remembered happiness without considering the miseries small and large that often intruded.

There are photos of the old Maloley's supermarket, where my parents shopped when we first moved to town. My sister posted there, "When my brother and I went to Maloley's for bread and milk in the '60s, it was 90 cents for a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, and we got to keep the dime that was left. Good times."

She chooses not to focus on how far our family had to stretch a dollar in those days.

And there are photos of so many places I spent the hours of my youth. Murphys department store downtown. The GE Bowling Club on Broadway. Gardner's drive-in, the Roller Dome, the old train and bus stations, all those

city parks.

I choose to remember a carefree innocence, every endless day with something new to learn, a new friend to make, a new horizon to see beyond. I choose not to relive the gnawing insecurities of how to fit in in high school, how to choose a lifelong career, how to negotiate the looming labyrinth of adulthood.

It is said that we are nicer people during the holiday season, kinder and more generous, tolerant and more forgiving.

Perhaps that is so, but it could also be that we go into the season more determined to tap into our better natures. We enter the holidays knowing there will be torments and tribulations, but also so much good will that we will have leftovers to carry us through to a new year. From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day is our annual pre-nostalgic state of mind.

I'm not suggesting that we should pretend happiness is everywhere at all times and that we ignore our own and others' misfortunes, only that there is a time to dwell on happiness. And this is that time.

It gets so tiresome listening to those who would take away the holidays or rename them to make up for this or that perceived sin of our ancestors, oppressions that we supposedly still perpetuate today, even if unwittingly. It is tempting to engage them, Twitter barb for Twitter barb.

But I'm inclined to seek out my better nature. I have my holidays and they can have theirs, however joyless they might be.

I will merely note that nostalgia is a necessary cushion for our sometimes dreary lives, and if there is no happiness built in, there will be none to tap into. And if you squander so much moral outrage on how other people find fulfillment, you will have none left over when you really need it.

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## LETTERS

### Logging Salamonie Forest will harm a priceless public asset

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced the largest logging plan in the history of Salamonie River State Forest. The state intends to sell 20 percent of the merchantable trees and 1,700 smaller "pole" trees in the heart of this 956-acre forest and kill hundreds of additional trees afterward in "timber stand improvement" activities. While sale promoters say they are removing non-native pines, 68 percent of the large trees for sale are hardwoods in stands that were tall when they became part of this state forest in the 1930s. Unfortunately, a logging operation this large will fundamentally erase the natural qualities of those stands.

Salamonie's oldest stands are 30 years from returning to the old-growth forest. If the state's timber sale moves forward, old-growth conditions will not emerge at Salamonie until the 22nd century. Old-growth forests once covered over 90 percent of Indiana's land base, blanketing our state with 20,000,000 acres of an ancient forest that served as a home to thousands of species and held millions of tons of carbon. Today, we are left with just 4.8 million acres of forest, most of which is private land. Most public forest land is located south of Indianapolis, making large forests even rarer in the northern part of the state.

Indiana taxpayers own the state forests and should have a say in whether the heart of Salamonie gets to remain the beautiful forest that it is, or whether it should be logged.

In our view, the richness of Salamonie's flora and fauna, the scenic beauty of its bluffs, dolomite canyons and waterfalls and the rarity of such a place in northern Indiana make Salamonie an ecological jewel that should be managed as a state park, rather than logged for wood the timber industry does not need. More than 800 residents of northeast Indiana supported this idea in a signed petition, which the Indiana Natural Resources Commission rejected three years ago due to DNR opposition. Converting Salamonie from a state forest to a state park would protect it from logging and promote economic growth in northeast Indiana.

The only way to stop this sale is for local residents to speak out against the logging of the scenically pristine and ecologically valuable Salamonie River State Forest. Concerned citizens need to voice their opposition to DNR director Dan Bortner by email at [dbortner@dnr.in.gov](mailto:dbortner@dnr.in.gov) or by phone at 317-232-4020 and Gov. Eric Holcomb by email at [govholcomb@gov.in.gov](mailto:govholcomb@gov.in.gov) or by phone at 317-232-4567, both of whom have the authority to overrule the Division of Forestry and cancel this timber sale.

But the clock is ticking. Reach out today to demand they cancel the sale immediately and convert Salamonie River State Forest to a State Park.

**Jeff Stant**  
Executive Director  
Indiana Forest Alliance

### Food insecurity within our military

Most of us are celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with family members, and enjoying bountiful meals, but what about approximately 160,000 families of active-duty military personnel who cannot afford to feed their families.

Food insecurity primarily impacts the most junior enlisted service members from the E1 to E4 ranks. According to the organization Feed America, approximately 30 percent of these military members face food insecurity.

The lowest military ranks suffer from low pay along with high living costs at many base locations in the United States. The frequent moves required by the military make it difficult for spouses to find work. Additionally, an Agriculture Department rule prevents military families from accessing food stamps.

Although there are charitable organizations providing some assistance, I am sure our military personnel prefers not to access charities for food. Maybe the Defense Department should review the pay rates for junior enlisted ranks and also provide increased living expense funding for the high cost of living locations.

Food insecurity can adversely impact our military members and their families and could have negative effects on our national security.

Note: In the 1950s I was a Navy enlisted E1, with promotions to E2, E3, E4 and E5.

**Donald Moskowitz**  
Londonderry, New Hampshire

### Our disabled veterans are grossly under-compensated

Since June 2009 our disabled veterans, their advocates, and their family and friends have contacted Congress and various administrations asking for fair and adequate compensation. So far, there has not been significant action on this issue. The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) that they receive every year is not sufficient. Our government simply does not respond.

I am warning anyone and everyone who reads this. Once our young people become fully aware that if they should enlist in the armed forces and subsequently receive serious injuries or illnesses that they will spend the rest of their lives in near poverty our armed forces will disintegrate. It will happen very quickly and we will not be able to stop it.

Here is the raw data.

In 2022, a totally disabled veteran with no dependents is compensated at the ridiculous rate of \$39,984.72 annually. The National Average Wage Index (NAWI) for 2020 was \$55,628.60 per annum and the median income for 2020 was \$67,521.00. The per capita GDP in 2020 was \$63,416.00, among the highest in the world. This rate of compensation to disabled veterans is deliberate and cruel especially considering that we live in the wealthiest nation that ever was.

They have been asking various Administrations and Congresses for fair compensation since the end of World War I in 1918. That was 103 years ago. Where is it?

This abuse must end now. Pay these broken former troops properly. This is a national disgrace. Tax the investment wealth of the investor class that received the most benefit from the protection afforded to them by our troops who are now broken and compensate disabled veterans fairly.

**David Moffatt**  
Columbia City





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The Lease provides for a maximum annual rental with respect to the project of \$1,215,000 with annual rentals under the Lease with respect to the project payable commencing with tax years 2023 and ending no later than 2042.

As additional rental, the School Corporation shall maintain insurance on the leased premises as required in the Lease and shall pay all taxes and assessments against such property, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs. The plans and specifications, including statements of the cost of the project, as well as a copy of the Lease are available for inspection by the public on all business days during business hours, at the administrative office of the School Corporation, 404 West Ninth Street, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

At the hearing described herein, all persons interested shall have a right to be heard on the necessity for the execution of the Lease with respect to the project, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed project. The hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following the hearing, the Board may either authorize the execution of the Lease with respect to the project as originally agreed upon or may make modifications thereto as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation.

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The group hopes to make this an annual tradition.

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northeast Indiana, especially with an aging workforce coupled with record stock market highs for those with investment accounts. While these initial numbers are subject to revision going forward, the low numbers should be a wake-up call for employers to make sure to they are offering competitive wage and benefit packages and making offers quickly to qualified candidates to ensure they can fill open positions.”

However, the signs of lower local unemployment rates were tempered by the ongoing challenges posed by population loss and an aging workforce.

In August, the initial data

from the Census Bureau’s 2020 count was released. This showed three counties that lost population in the past decade were Huntington, Noble and Wabash counties at 462, 79 and 1,912 residents respectively.

Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater, has been helping to lead the Imagine One 85 initiative focused on reversing the trend of local population loss.

Gillenwater said they have been tracking this data year over year and they know that the local population decline started over 40 years ago.

In July, the group held the Imagine One 85 Summit at the Honeywell Center Plaza along with dozens of community members, who submitted ideas to reverse this troubling trend.

“We are always pleased to see a low unemployment rate, but this is definitely a double-edged sword in this case,” said Gillenwater. “We know we have a lot of employers across the gamut looking for workers, and from our Imagine One 85 work we know we have an aging workforce. This underscores the importance of our community’s work on Imagine One 85 to attract new talent to live and work in Wabash County, give our young people a reason to come back home after college or career training, and to build our offerings in these areas right here in Wabash County.”

In addition to general population loss, Wabash County’s labor force has taken a significant hit over the past few years, down from 15,048 in

December 2019 to 14,234 in December 2020.

Northeast Indiana Works director of communications Rick Farrant said it is estimated people at or near retirement age of 55 and over in some northeast Indiana industry sectors are at or exceed 30 percent.

“Employers are responding to the worker shortage with increased wages and enhanced benefits, such as earlier access to benefits, flexible schedules and sign-on bonuses. Moreover, training and career awareness initiatives are ramping up at a dizzying pace to bolster northeast Indiana’s talent pipeline,” said Farrant.

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**WACT**

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During their annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 23, WACT members honored some of their own “for a life committed to the betterment of arts in our community,” said board vice president Eric Seaman.

Those awarded and given life memberships were Jane Willmert, Judy Ward, Dr. Orion Toepfer, Gary Dale, Josie Wade and Bob Wade.

Seaman said these individuals have been life members of the organization, with a combined 247 years of membership.

“WACT’s Board of Directors is proud to be continuing in their footsteps as we move toward our 2022 season,” said Seaman.

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, WACT will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Hall.

The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased through the Honeywell Center Box Office, 275 W. Market St., by phone at 260-563-1102 or by visiting [www.honeywellarts.org](http://www.honeywellarts.org).

Looking to 2022, WACT will put on another “dinner-entertainment” production around the Valentine’s Day holiday. Under the direction of WACT veteran Angelina Funk, WACT will share “I Hate Shakespeare!” at the Charley Creek Inn in downtown Wabash the weekend leading up to Valentine’s Day from Feb. 11 to 13, 2022. This will include not only a show but also a chef-prepared meal.

“Shakespeare can be difficult but Steph DeFerie breaks down his most famous plays into a comedic understanding of his text,” stated the show’s description. “One actor inter-

acts with Hamlet throughout the piece to get a better understanding of Shakespeare, as well as the comedic ridiculousness of some of his plots. It ranges from making fun of Hamlet’s demise, Romeo and Juliet’s struggles over the sake of a name, Iago’s dramatic response to not getting a promotion, and Macbeth’s sorry for himself attitude over the decisions he makes, and let’s not forget about throwing zombies into the mix.”

The cast needs to have a minimum of five people, but it can be up to as many as 43 people.

Roles include Hamlet, Unhappy Person in Audience, Gertrude, Claudius, Ophelia/Laertes, Traditional Juliet, Modern Juliet, Emcee, Richard III, Zombies, Narrator, British Literature Historian, Jerry Springer, Othello, Iago, Desdemona, TV Man, Ted, Sheila, Dick, Director, Cow, Timon, Witch, Banquo, Macbeth, Messenger, Lady Macbeth, Duncan, Murder, Fleance, Spirit, Macduff, Burbage, Miss Purdie, Bill Shakespeare, Antony, Jim Lange, Romeo, Paris, Bob, Puck and Cheerleader.

Rehearsals will start Monday through Thursday, with Fridays being possible on Jan. 17, 2022. Auditions will be at the WACTory from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11; and callbacks will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. For more information, email Funk at [agjung78@gmail.com](mailto:agjung78@gmail.com).

Tickets for this show will be on sale in January.

This spring will bring “The Dining Room,” a production from American playwright A.R. Gurney “that looks at how the dining room has changed in American culture, prominently with upper-middle-class families, through the 20th century,” said Seaman. “The Dining Room” was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1985.

Gurney also wrote “Love Letters.” “The Dining Room” has been set to be performed at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School on May 13, 14, and 15, 2022.

After that, Seaman said after more than 20 years, WACT will once again produce “one of the most celebrated musicals of all time” for its 2022 fall musical – “Guys and Dolls,” which has been scheduled for Sept. 23, 24 and 25, 2022 at the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater.

These productions come after the WACT announced earlier this year that after two decades of searching they finally have a place to call home as Vanderpool signed paperwork Thursday, Feb. 25 to obtain the property at 1620 to 1640 S. Wabash St.

Seaman said this building will serve as a central location for the organization to not only store its assets but to have a creative space as well.

WACT annually produces at least three or four shows in Wabash, including a fall musical, a straight-play spring comedy and Christmas programming, as well as variety programming and “dinner-entertainment” opportunities.

Seaman said the South Wabash Street property is located near Nancy J’s Fabrics, B-K Root Beer and Kitchens Plus, just south of Shady Lane Drive. Upon the 0.63-acre plot of land are two structures that will be used to house their supplies and “create a legacy of perpetuity for WACT.”

Seaman said in total, the main building on the property features 9,900 square feet of space. The property also features a 1,260-square-foot pole frame building, as well as a large parking lot.

Seaman said there aren’t any plans for WACT to create a performing arts center on the property due to existing amenities in the area.

Seaman said those who would like to support the

**REACH OUT**

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and much needed. Therefore, we would like to make this an annual tradition for our county,” said Kinsey.

Last year, Miller’s Merry Manor East nursing home manager Jami Bartel said she was “so excited” when she was contacted about the program. Bartel said it was “amazing” how the community was coming together to support seniors who had been isolated due to the outbreaks of COVID-19 in facilities all over the state. Also last year, Wabash Middle School fifth grade teacher Mary Norman said her class was participating in this project.

This year, Kinsey said Southwood High School was participating under the guidance of Michelle Sparling.

“There are several churches in the area participating as well. We are looking for more teachers to get their students involved for this project,” said Kinsey. “The students really enjoy making cards for those in the nursing homes.”

Kinsey said all of the county’s nursing homes received cards last year, whether mailed directly to the facility or by being dropped off from our collections.

Kinsey said Miller’s Merry Manor East reported about five cards per resident were received from their facility.

“We need to collect more this year for our bigger facilities such as Peabody and Timbercrest in North Manchester,” said Kinsey. “At this time we have no way of tracking how many cards are mailed to each facility, however, we are working

on this. We did collect over 400 cards from schools and churches last year.”

Kinsey said to get involved in the effort, those who were interested could simply fill out a Christmas card or create their own for someone in a nursing home.

“You may sign your name however you like, you may make the card specifically for male or female, be sure to write ‘M’ or ‘F’ on the envelope, or for anyone, you put in your cards whatever your heart leads you to do! There is no right or wrong way to do this. Have fun and know you will certainly make a huge impact with your efforts,” said Kinsey. “You may send your cards directly through the mail or at one of our drop-off locations.”

Kinsey said this organization was truly a community group effort.

“Without all of you, this is not possible to pull off. It is my hope every year (that) we build a team that gets the word out farther and makes this process as easy as possible,” said Kinsey. “There is no monetary gain for this cause, it is strictly volunteering your time and efforts.”

Kinsey said the group would pick up the collection boxes at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17.

“We will put all the cards together and disperse them evenly among the county nursing homes,” said Kinsey. “When we take them to the facility, the activity director and staff will join together and disperse all the cards evenly that came in the mail or from the collection boxes. It is all teamwork.”

Collection boxes are located at Wabash Hardware & Rental, 1351 Cass St.; Nordmann’s Nook, 1106 Indiana 114, North Manchester; and Joy Christian Book Store,

1317 Cass St.; and 95.9 KISS FM, 1864 S. Wabash St.

Kinsey said drop boxes are also located at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive; Wabash First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St.; Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. Indiana 13; and New Journey Church, 1721 N. Vernon St.

To send your cards directly through the mail, they may be addressed to “Operation Reach Out” and sent to Miller’s Merry Manor East (which has 60 residents), 1900 Alber St., Wabash IN 46992; Miller’s Merry Manor West (which has 24 residents), 1720 Alber St., Wabash IN 46992; Bickford Cottage (which has 23 residents), 3037 Niccum Road, Wabash, IN 46992; Wellbrooke of Wabash (which has 73 residents, 20 John Kissinger Drive, Wabash IN 46992; Peabody Retirement Community (which has 85 residents in assisted living, 150 residents in the Health Center, 45 residents in Independent Living), 400 W. 7th St., North Manchester, IN 46962; Autumn Ridge Rehabilitations Centre (which has 51 residents); 600 Washington St., Wabash IN 46992; Vernon Manor (which has 60 residents), 1955 Vernon St., Wabash IN 46992; Rolling Meadows Lafontaine (which has 81 residents), 604 Rennaker St., Lafontaine, IN 46940; and Timbercrest Senior Living Community (which has 100 manor residents, 16 Crestwood residents and 50 health care residents), 2201 East St., North Manchester, IN 46962.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/820111048789504>.

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Manchester University adds to its health science offerings with a nutrition sciences major beginning in the fall of 2022.

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degrees.

Students will study global nutrition, food science, organic chemistry, meal prep, diet planning and metabolism.

Careers could include corporate wellness; health management; health, medical or nutrition professional sales; food and nutrition communication; humanitarian nutrition support, such as food banks or global food support organizations; health department nutrition educator; and wellness coach, with certification.

The nutrition sciences major with Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) concentration is designed to prepare students for further study, including fulfilling requirements for acceptance into RDN-eligible master’s degree programs (master’s degrees will be required for RDN’s by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics by 2024). Those who plan to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) national

credentialing examination for certification as an RDN should follow this track.

Careers for those with RDN certification include clinical dietitian; Nutrition manager (school food system management, hospital food management, public health nutritionist, corporate sites); government food policy professional; private dietetics practitioner and nutrition entrepreneur; recipe developer; and global nutrition policy advocate.

Those who include the RDN concentration will also be prepared to pursue advanced academic studies in diverse disciplines, such as food chemistry, nutritional biochemist, nutrigenomics, nutraceutical sales, science liaison officer and academia and health education.

A major or minor in nutrition sciences also prepares students to pursue other health careers, such as physical therapy, athletic training and human performance.

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